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REMARKS

By this response claims 1 and 4 have been amended, claims 2 and 3 have been canceled, and claim 17 has been added. The Examiner has allowed claims 5-16. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Hsue, et al. (US Pat. No. 5,115,296) in view of Yeh, et al. (US Pat. No. 6,372,663).

Claim 3, which was objected to, and intervening claim 2 have been written into claim 1 and canceled. Claim 1 and rejected claim 4 which depends therefrom are therefore in condition for allowance.

New Claim

Claim 17, which is newly added, comprises the recitations of original claims 1 and 3 and omits the recitations of original intervening claim 2. It is submitted that claim 17 is allowable over the cited art and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All remaining claims and new claim 17 are believed to be in condition for allowance. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned. This is believed to be a complete response to the Examiner's office action.

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